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1. TO IGNORE THE ALL BUT ENDLESS BACKING AND FILLING THAT FOLLOWED THE FEB 9 DECISION TO CONTINUE THE BAN ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR PLANT AT BROKDORF, THE SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN COURT OF ADMINISTRATION ON FEB 18 CONFIRMED AN EARLIER DECISION DISAPPROVING A DEMONSTRATION PLANNED BY VARIOUS CITIZEN INITIATIVE GROUPS AT THE BROKDORF CONSTRUCTION SITE. IMMEDIATELY THE KIEL CITIZEN INITIATIVE GROUP APPEALED TO THE LUENEBURG SUPERIOR COURT OF ADMINISTRATION WHERE, AROUND MIDNIGHT OF THE SAME DAY, THE SCHLESWIG DECISION WAS CONFIRMED -- I.E., A DEMONSTRATION AT ITZEHOE (12 MILES FROM BROKDORF) RECEIVED APPROVAL BUT ONE AT UNCLASSIFIED

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BROKDORF DID NOT. (THAT SAME NIGHT, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ADDRESSED THE NATION IN A 3 MINUTE TV SPEECH IN WHICH HE AFFIRMED THE PEOPLES RIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE BUT ASKED THAT THE DEMONSTRATION BE PEACEFUL.)

2. ON SATURDAY MORNING, FEB 19, THE ROAD TO ITZEHOE WAS JAMMED BY DEMONSTRATORS IN HIRED BUSES AS WELL AS

PRIVATE CARS. SOME RADICAL GROUPS DELIVERATELY CAUSED TRAFFIC JAMS AND TRIED TO DIVERT THE FOLLOWING BUSSES AND CARS TO THE BROKDORF AREA BUT POLICE BARRICADES STOPPED THOSE COMPARATIVELY FEW WHO WERE SO DIVERTED. (POLICE RECORDS REPORT APPROXIMATELY 10,000 DEMONSTRATORS AT ITZEHOE, BUT THE CITIZEN INITIATIVE GROUPS REPORT 40,000 PEOPLE.) SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED AND A GREAT NUMBER OF SHOP OWNERS HAD EMPTIED THEIR WINDOWS AND SECURED THEIR PROPERTY. VARIOUS HALLS WERE RENTED BY THE CITIZEN INITIATIVE GROUPS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES. AFTER A PARADE BY THE DEMONSTRATORS THROUGH THE TOWN OF ABOUT 35,000 PEOPLE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL CITIZEN INITIATIVE GROUP, HANS-HELMUT WUESTENHAGEN, FREIMUT DUVE, A WRITER AND A BOARD MEMBER OF THE HAMBURG SPD, AND PROF. ROBERT JUNGK, A FUTUROLOGIST, ADDRESSED THE CROWD AT A MASS ASSEMBLY; ALL THREE DENOUNCED THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ENERGY PLANS.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, SOME 6,000 PEOPLE MOVED TO WILSTER, A SMALL TOWN HALF WAY BETWEEN ITZEHOE AND BROKDORF. SOME SOUGHT TO GO ON TO THE BROKDORF CONSTRUCTION SITE ITSELF, BUT THEY WERE AGAIN STOPPED BY STRONG POLICE FORCES AND THEY FINALLY DISPERSED.

4. NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS HAPPENED DURING THE DAY, MAINLY DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF A STRONG POLICE FORCE (6,000) ASSEMBLED FROM ALL GERMAN FEDERAL STATES, AND TO THE CONTINGENTS OF THEIR BORDER POLICE WHO WERE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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DUTY AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. BUT THE CONSIDERABLE CONTROL EXERCISED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF MARSHALLS FROM THE CITIZEN INITIATIVE GROUPS ALSO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE. KISELYAK

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